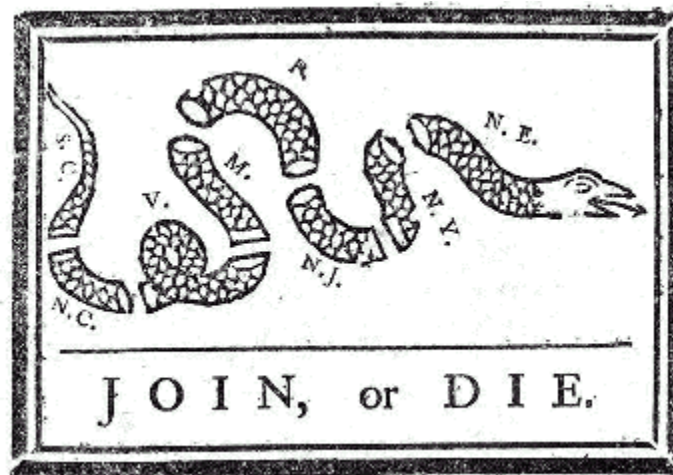


Political Cartoons Conflict In North America

In History class this year, we have examined documents and other historical sources. As a way of studying the French and Indian War and the era leading up to the American Revolution, we will examine a political cartoon by Benjamin Franklin. This cartoon was one of the earliest in America and had a large effect on popular feelings during the time. Please use the cartoon and information on the Internet to answer the questions below.

1. Is this political cartoon a primary or secondary document? Why?
2. Where and when was the cartoon published?
3. What was happening at that time in American history?
4. Describe in simple words what this cartoon literally shows.
5. Describe what you think this cartoon means symbolically. Why do you think this?
6. What do the letters in the cartoon represent?
7. Why is the body of the snake in pieces?
8. Why might Benjamin Franklin have chosen a snake as the animal in his cartoon?
9. How would this cartoon have made the colonists feel? Why do you think this?
10. Why would Franklin have chosen a cartoon as the way to express his opinion?
11. Do you agree with the opinion Franklin is expressing? Why or why not?



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